



Town of Benton

Monday – May 8, 2017, 6:00 PM

Benton Town Office

1. Roll call: Selectman Dan Chamberlain, Selectman Melissa Patterson, & Selectman Robin Cyr present.
2. Secretary's Report: Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept April 10, 2017 minutes as written, and March 13, 2017 minutes as written. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.
3. Citizens' Concerns:
 - Charlie Kent*- Mr. Kent did not see the Selectmen Agenda in the newspaper. Mr. Chamberlain informed Mr. Kent that the agenda is sent to the paper monthly.
 - Audrey Lee*- Mrs. Lee has concerns over the Town of Benton website overlapping. Mrs. Patterson informed Mrs. Lee that overlapping occurs when a user is using Firefox as a web browser.
 - Audrey Lee*- Mrs. Lee wants to know why she is charged .15 cents for a copy vs .25 cents a copy at different times. Mrs. Patterson informed Mrs. Lee that if a person brings in something to copy it is .15 cents per copy. If the customer requests something copied off for them they do not have a copy of it is .25 cents per copy. This has been the copying charges for years.
 - Audrey Lee*- Mrs. Lee wants someone to look into the maximum amount you can charge for Clerk hours to customers. Mrs. Lee requested years' worth of copies. An invoice was sent to Mrs. Lee. Mrs. Lee called the office and told the staff to proceed with the copies. Mrs. Lee was charged \$21.00 an hour for clerk hours, with the first hour being free. Mrs. Lee now says the maximum charge is \$15.00. Mr. Chamberlain said he would have Sue Rodrigue look into it for her.
 - Ricky Gower*- Mr. Gower wants to see the Budget meeting minutes. Mr. Chamberlain informed Mr. Gower that the warrant is what the Town of Benton uses for minutes.
 - Doug Blaisdell*- Mr. Blaisdell wants permission to install a drainage pipeline on Blaisdell Ln. Mr. Chamberlain told Mr. Blaisdell to start off by calling Todd Littlefield.
4. KVCOG- CEO Position: Rosie Vanadestine from KVCOG gave a presentation of CEO services they offer for municipalities.
5. Road Commissioner's Report: Todd Littlefield not present. Ms. Cyr has concerns over how the jobs are awarded from the Road Commissioner. Mr. Chamberlain explained the Road Commissioner has always contracted out the jobs locally in

Benton. Mrs. Patterson also explained this is the first Road Commissioner that has gotten bids for jobs for the Town of Benton.

6. New Business.

Eric Weymouth- EUROK- A Public Hearing and Public Meeting will be held May 22nd at the Benton Town Office, 6:00pm. The hearing and meeting is in regards form a grant from KVCOG to EUROK in the amount of \$150,000. Public Hearing will be at 6:00pm with the Public Meeting to follow after.

Ballot Clerks- Mrs. Patterson motioned to appoint Sarah Merrill and James Mayo as Town of Benton Ballot Clerks. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

Tax Acquired Property- Two bids were received for Tax Acquired Property located on Map 07 Lot 33-02. First bid received from Mike Adams in the amount of \$1001.00. Second bid received from Todd Littlefield in the amount of \$2,800. Mrs. Patterson motioned to accept Todd Littlefield's bid in the amount of \$2,800. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.

7. Old Business.

- Personnel Policy: Three provisions were made to the Town of Benton Personnel Policy.

1) Article IX- Vacation, Section C: *Office Staff will have the option to be use earned vacation hours or to be reimbursed for these hours at each person's hire anniversary date.*

2) Article X- Other Paid Leave Section A & Section C: Section A, *Employees will have the option to roll over a maximum of (60) accumulated sick days. Such days will not be reimbursed if the employee resigns or is terminated.*

Section C, *The Benton Town Office is a participating municipality of the Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement for the provision of Employee Health Care Benefits, authorized by 24-A M.R.S.A.~6001et seq. Healthcare plans are chosen based on the discretion of the Selectboard and employee can only chose from allowed policies.*

8. Assessing Abatements & Supplements: None

9. Other Business and Correspondence: None

10. Adjourn: Mrs. Patterson motioned to adjourn at 6:57pm. Ms. Cyr seconded, all voted in favor.